

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

FIERO WATT,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SIERRA NEVADA CORPORATION,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:19-CV-450

APPENDIX IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446 and LR 81.1, in support of its Notice of Removal, Defendant Sierra Nevada Corporation provides the Court with the attached documents:

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Dated: February 21, 2019

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On February 21, 2019, I electronically submitted the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, using the electronic case filing system of the court. I certify that I have served Plaintiff by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by another manner authorized by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b)(2).

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EXHIBIT 1

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CAUSE NO. CC-19-00021-D

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IN THE COUNTY COURT

AT LAW NO. _____

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

I.

INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff Fiero Watt files this Original Petition against Defendant Sierra Nevada Corp.

II.

DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

1. Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery under Level 3 of Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 190.3.

III.

PARTIES

2. Plaintiff is an individual and a citizen of Dallas, Texas.

3. Defendant is a foreign corporation. Defendant may be served with process, including citation and a copy of this petition, by serving its registered agent for service of process, Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC Lawyers Incorporating Service Company, 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701.

IV.

JURISDICTION

4. The Court has jurisdiction over this action because the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, is within the jurisdictional limits of the Court.

5. Defendant employs the requisite number of employees for coverage under the relevant state laws and statutes upon which Plaintiff's claims are based.

6. As required by Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 47(c), Plaintiff seeks monetary relief over \$1,000,000.00.

V.

VENUE

7. Venue is proper in Dallas County pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(3).

VI.

BACKGROUND FACTS

8. Plaintiff is a black male.

9. Plaintiff began working for Defendant in 2013.

10. Plaintiff worked as a Logistics Support Specialist.

11. Plaintiff's yearly evaluations for 2013 and 2014 were scored by Randy Germain; the overall average was a four.

12. In 2015, Tim Moore became Plaintiff's supervisor.

13. Plaintiff's yearly evaluations for 2015 and 2016 were scored by Moore; the overall average dropped to a three.

14. In December 2016, Plaintiff discussed with Moore Plaintiff's recent performance evaluations.

15. Moore admitted to Plaintiff that he had no problems or issues with Plaintiff's work performance.

16. When Plaintiff inquired about ways to improve, Moore said that the only way for Plaintiff to get a raise, promotion, or higher score was by taking on extra duties and additional projects.

17. Yet, when Plaintiff tried to go above and beyond his assigned duties, Moore denied Plaintiff those opportunities because of race.

18. Throughout the time Moore was Plaintiff's supervisor, Moore assigned Plaintiff to less desirable locations and assignments.

19. On numerous occasions, Moore made racial slurs and offensive remarks about blacks.

20. Then, in late December 2016, Moore was speaking to a group of Plaintiff's coworkers and said that, due to the recent election in the United States, white people were back in power, to which Moore stated "woohoo white power."

21. Plaintiff submitted an internal complaint regarding Moore's racial discrimination.

22. Less than four weeks later, Defendant fired Plaintiff (on or about March 8, 2017), for allegedly taking an unauthorized flight on a return trip from overseas.

23. However, white employees who violated the same policy were not fired.

VII.

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

24. Plaintiff filed a Charge of Discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and this Charge was dual filed with the Texas Workforce Commission pursuant to those agencies' work sharing agreement.

25. The Charge was filed within 180 days after the date on which the complained of employment practices were committed.

26. More than 180 days have passed since the Charge was filed and no action has been taken.

27. Plaintiff has timely exhausted all administrative remedies.

VIII.

CAUSES OF ACTION

A. First Cause of Action—Race/Color Discrimination—TCHRA¹

28. Plaintiff incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs.

29. Defendant discriminated against Plaintiff because of Plaintiff's race/color.

30. Defendant's actions violated section 21.051 of the Texas Labor Code.

B. Second Cause of Action—Wrongful Termination—Race/Color Discrimination—TCHRA

31. Plaintiff incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs.

32. Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment because of Plaintiff's race/color.

33. Defendant's actions violated section 21.051 of the Texas Labor Code.

C. Third Cause of Action—Unlawful Retaliation—TCHRA

34. Plaintiff incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs.

35. Plaintiff engaged in protected activity as set forth in Texas Labor Code section 21.055.

36. In response, Defendant retaliated against Plaintiff and ultimately terminated Plaintiff's employment.

37. Defendant's actions violated section 21.055 of the Texas Labor Code.

¹ Texas Commission on Human Rights Act.

D. Fourth Cause of Action—Discrimination—Title VII

- 38. Plaintiff incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs.
- 39. Defendant discriminated against Plaintiff because of Plaintiff's race/color.
- 40. Defendant's actions violated 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a).

E. Fifth Cause of Action—Wrongful Termination—Discrimination—Title VII

- 41. Plaintiff incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs.
- 42. Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment because of Plaintiff's race/color.
- 43. Defendant's actions violated 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a).

F. Six Cause of Action—Unlawful Retaliation—Title VII

- 44. Plaintiff incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs.
- 45. Plaintiff engaged in protected activity as set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-3(a).
- 46. In response, Defendant retaliated against Plaintiff and ultimately terminated Plaintiff's employment.
- 47. Defendant's actions violated 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-3(a).

IX.

DAMAGES

- 48. Plaintiff incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs.
- 49. Defendant's actions violated the TCHRA, which entitles Plaintiff to recover from Defendant's back pay, front pay, compensatory damages, as well as pre-judgment and post-judgment interest.
- 50. Because Defendant's actions were done with malice and/or reckless indifference to Plaintiff's state-protected rights, Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant's punitive damages.
- 51. Plaintiff seeks all available damages under the TCHRA.

52. Defendant's actions violated 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a) and 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-3(a), which entitles Plaintiff to recover from Defendant back pay, front pay, as well as pre-judgment and post-judgment interest.

53. Plaintiff is also entitled to recover from Defendant compensatory damages as provided for under 42 U.S.C. § 1981a(a)(1).

54. Because Defendant's actions were done with malice and/or reckless indifference to Plaintiff's federally-protected rights, Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant punitive damages as provided for under 42 U.S.C. § 1981a(a)(1) and (b)(1).

55. Plaintiff seeks all damages available under federal law.

X.

ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

56. Plaintiff incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs.

57. Plaintiff retained the services of undersigned counsel to prosecute Plaintiff's claims.

58. Pursuant to Texas Labor Code section 21.259 and 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(k), Plaintiff is entitled to recover a reasonable attorneys' fee from Defendant, including reasonable expert fees and, Plaintiff is entitled to recover a reasonable attorneys' fee from Defendant's, including reasonable expert fees.

XI.

INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF

59. Plaintiff incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs.
60. Plaintiff requests the Court enter an order providing injunctive and declaratory relief including, but not limited to:
- a. Prohibiting Defendant's from engaging in unlawful discrimination;
 - b. Reinstating Plaintiff's employment with Defendant's with backpay;
 - c. Reporting to the Court on the manner of compliance with the terms of a final order issued by this Court;
 - d. Paying court costs;
 - e. A declaration that Defendant's violated Plaintiff's rights under Chapter 21 of the Texas Labor Code, engaged in unlawful employment discrimination, and considered an illegal factor in terminating Plaintiff's employment; and
 - f. Any additional equitable relief as the Court deems proper.

XII.

JURY TRIAL

61. Plaintiff incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs.
62. Plaintiff demands a jury trial.

XIII.

PRAYER

63. Plaintiff respectfully requests that Defendant's be cited to appear and answer, and that upon final trial of this matter, the Court enter judgment awarding Plaintiff:

- A. Back pay and front pay (including benefits);
- B. Compensatory damages;
- C. Punitive damages;
- D. Reasonable attorneys' fees and expert fees;
- E. Injunctive and declaratory relief, including but not limited to, an Order:
 - a. Prohibiting Defendant's from engaging in unlawful discrimination;
 - b. Reinstating Plaintiff's employment with Defendant's with backpay;
 - c. Reporting to the Court on the manner of compliance with the terms of a final order issued by this Court;
 - d. Paying court costs;
 - e. A declaration that Defendant's violated Plaintiff's rights under Chapter 21 of the Texas Labor Code, engaged in unlawful employment discrimination, and considered an illegal factor in terminating Plaintiff's employment; and
 - f. Any additional equitable relief the Court deems proper;
- F. Courts costs;
- G. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the rate set by law; and
- H. All legal or equitable relief this Court deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Matthew R. Scott

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CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET


CAUSE NUMBER (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): CC-19-00021-D

COURT (FOR CLERK USE ONLY):

STYLED Fiero Watt v. Sierra Nevada Corp.

(e.g., John Smith v. All American Insurance Co; In re Mary Ann Jones; In the Matter of the Estate of George Jackson)

A civil case information sheet must be completed and submitted when an original petition or application is filed to initiate a new civil, family law, probate, or mental health case or when a post-judgment petition for modification or motion for enforcement is filed in a family law case. The information should be the best available at the time of filing.

1. Contact information for person completing case information sheet: Name: _____ Email: _____ Matthew R. Scott matt.scott@scottperezlaw.com Address: _____ Telephone: _____ 900 Jackson Street, Suite 700 214-965-9675 City/State/Zip: _____ Fax: _____ Dallas, Texas 75202 214-965-9680 Signature: _____ State Bar No: _____  00794613		Names of parties in case: Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s): Fiero Watt Defendant(s)/Respondent(s): Sierra Nevada Corp. [Attach additional page as necessary to list all parties]	Person or entity completing sheet is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Se Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Title IV-D Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Additional Parties in Child Support Case: Custodial Parent: _____ Non-Custodial Parent: _____ Presumed Father: _____	
2. Indicate case type, or identify the most important issue in the case (select only 1):				
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3. Indicate procedure or remedy, if applicable (may select more than 1):				
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4. Indicate damages sought (do not select if it is a family law case): <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$100,000, including damages of any kind, penalties, costs, expenses, pre-judgment interest, and attorney fees <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$100,000 and non-monetary relief <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$100,000 but not more than \$200,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$200,000 but not more than \$1,000,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000,000				

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EXHIBIT 2

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITATION**

CAUSE NO. CC-19-00021-D
COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 4
Dallas County, Texas

TO:

**SIERRA NEVADA CORP.
SERVE ITS REGISTERED AGENT
CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY D/B/A CSC LAWYERS
INCORPORATING SERVICE COMPANY
211 E 7TH STREET SUITE 620
AUSTIN TX 78701**

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your Attorney do not file a WRITTEN ANSWER with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION, a default judgment may be taken against you." Your answer should be addressed to the clerk of County Court at Law No. 4 of Dallas County, Texas at the Court House of said County, 600 Commerce Street, Suite 101, Dallas, Texas 75202.

**FIERO WATT
*Plaintiff(s)***

VS.

**SIERRA NEVADA CORP.
*Defendant(s)***

filed in said Court on the 2nd day of January, 2019 a copy of which accompanies this citation.

WITNESS: JOHN F. WARREN, Clerk of the County Courts of Dallas County, Texas. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, at Dallas, Texas, and issued this 4th day of January, 2019 A.D.

JOHN F. WARREN, Dallas County Clerk

By Guisla Hernandez, Deputy
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DALLAS County Court at Law No. 4 Dallas County, Texas
FIERO WATT, <i>Plaintiff(s)</i>
VS.
SIERRA NEVADA CORP., <i>Defendant(s)</i>
SERVE: SIERRA NEVADA CORP. SERVE ITS REGISTERED AGENT CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY D/B/A CSC LAWYERS INCORPORATING SERVICE COMPANY 211 E 7TH STREET SUITE 620 AUSTIN TX 78701
ISSUED THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019
JOHN F. WARREN, COUNTY CLERK BY: GUISLA HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY
Attorney for Plaintiff MATTHEW R SCOTT SCOTT PEREZ LLP 900 JACKSON STREET SUITE 550 DALLAS TX 75202 214-965-9675

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OFFICER'S RETURN

CC-19-00021-D County Court at Law No. 4

FIERO WATT vs. SIERRA NEVADA CORP.

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE:

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SERVE ITS REGISTERED AGENT

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AUSTIN TX 78701

Fees:

Came to hand on the ____ day of _____, 20_____, at ____ o'clock ____ .m., and executed in _____ County, Texas by delivering to SIERRA NEVADA CORP. in person, a true copy of this Citation together with the accompanying copy of the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION with the date and service at the following times and places to-wit:

Name

Date/Time

Place, Course and Distance from Courthouse

And not executed as to the defendant(s), _____

The diligence used in finding said defendant(s) being:

_____ and the cause or failure to execute this process is:

_____ and the information received as to the whereabouts of said defendant(s) being:

Serving Petition and Copy \$ _____, Officer

Total \$ _____, County, Texas

By: _____, Deputy

_____, Affiant

EXHIBIT 3



COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 4
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DALLAS, TEXAS 75202
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Chambers of JUDGE PAULA M. ROSALES

January 04, 2019

MATTHEW R SCOTT
SCOTT PEREZ LLP
900 JACKSON STREET SUITE 550
DALLAS TX 75202

Cause No. CC-19-00021-D
Cause Style: FIERO WATT vs. SIERRA NEVADA CORP.

Dear Attorney:

The above case is set for dismissal, pursuant to Rule 165a, Texas Ruled of Civil Procedure on:
04/29/2019 @ 9:00 AM.

If no answer has been filed, or if the answer filed is insufficient as a matter of law to place any facts alleged in your petition in issue, you will be expected to have moved for, and to have heard , a summary judgment or to have proved up a default order on or prior to that date.

If an answer has been filed that is sufficient to create a fact issue that prevents disposition of the entire case, or if you have been unable to obtain service of process, you should plan to appear to obtain a reset of the dismissal date or a trial setting as appropriate.

In no event will live witnesses be required unless the default prove-up is for an unliquidated claim. Liquidated claims and attorneys fees may be proved up by affidavit submitted with a form of judgment.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call us.

Very Truly Yours,

PAULA M. ROSALES
Judge Presiding

EXHIBIT 4

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RETURN OF SERVICE

State of Texas

County of Dallas

At Law No 4 County Court

Case Number: CC-19-00021-D

**Plaintiff:
Fiero Watt**

vs.


**Defendant:
Sierra Nevada Corp.**

Received these papers on the 4th day of January, 2019 at 12:54 pm to be served on Sierra Nevada Corp. Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC Lawyers Incorporating Service Company, 211 E. 7th St. Suite 620, Austin, TX 78701.

I, Bryon Welch, do hereby affirm that on the 24th day of January, 2019 at 9:03 am, I:

am a Certified Process Server authorized under Order of the Supreme Court of Texas to serve process in this cause. I am over (18) years of age, of sound mind, and not a party to or interested in the above suit. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and each is true and correct. The Citation and Plaintiff's Original Petition was delivered via the United States Postal Service to Sierra Nevada Corp. Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC Lawyers Incorporating Service Company at the address of 211 E. 7th St. Suite 620, Austin, TX 78701 via certified mail return receipt requested article number 70182290000121677757, accepted on 1/24/2019 at 9:03 am.

**"My name is Bryon Welch, my date of birth is 08/09/1971 and my address is PO Box 272 Arlington, Texas 76004, USA. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Tarrant County, State of Texas, on the 24th day of January, 2019.
Bryon Welch Declarant"**


Bryon Welch
PSC#5954 EXP 10/31/2020

Our Job Serial Number: ALT-2019000010

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired,
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.



Sierra Nevada Corp - Serve its
registered agent: Corporation
Service Company dba CSC Lawyers
Incorporating Service Company
111 E 7th St Ste 620
Austin TX 78701

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

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Kvle Ratzlaff

☐ Agent☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

JAN 24 2019

C. Date of Delivery

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes

If YES, enter delivery address below:

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3. Service Type

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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)

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2. Article Number

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EXHIBIT 5

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Defendant.	§	

**DEFENDANT SIERRA NEVADA CORPORATION'S ORIGINAL ANSWER
AND AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES**

Defendant Sierra Nevada Corporation ("Defendant") files this Original Answer and Affirmative and Other Defenses to Plaintiff's Original Petition:

I.
GENERAL DENIAL

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 92, Defendant denies generally every allegation contained in Plaintiff's Original Petition and demands strict proof of same as required by Texas law. Defendant respectfully requests that it be allowed to plead further and additional defenses in this cause as the facts surrounding this matter are developed.

II.
AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES

FIRST DEFENSE

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Defendant alternatively pleads that Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statutes of limitation.

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Plaintiff's claims and alleged damages, if any, are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands and/or after-acquired evidence.

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Defendant alternatively pleads that any actions taken concerning Plaintiff were done for legitimate, non-retaliatory and non-discriminatory business reasons, and done without discriminatory or retaliatory intent, purpose or effect.

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Even if Plaintiff were able to prove an unlawful employment practice was a motivating factor in any employment decision or action affecting Plaintiff, which Defendant denies, the same action would have been taken even in the absence of the impermissible consideration.

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If any improper, illegal or discriminatory, or retaliatory actions were taken by any of Defendant's employees against Plaintiff, which Defendant denies, it was outside the course and scope of the employee's employment, contrary to Defendant's policies and good faith efforts to comply with the law, was not ratified, confirmed or approved by Defendant. Thus, any such actions cannot be attributed or imputed to Defendant.

DEFENDANT SIERRA NEVADA CORPORATION'S ORIGINAL ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES– Page 2

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Defendant has in place a clear and well-disseminated policy against discrimination and retaliation on the basis of any protected class and a reasonable and available procedure for handling complaints providing for prompt and effective responsive action. To the extent Plaintiff unreasonably failed to take advantage of the preventative or corrective opportunities provided by Defendant or to avoid harm otherwise, Plaintiff's claims are barred.

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To the extent, if any, Plaintiff complained adequately of allegedly unlawful, discriminatory, or retaliatory actions, Defendant undertook prompt investigation and made an appropriate remedial response.

ELEVENTH DEFENSE

Defendant alternatively pleads that Plaintiff's damages are limited by all applicable damages caps and limitations provided by law, including Chapter 41 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, and all other similar limitations. Defendant asks that the Court require Plaintiff to prove such punitive damages, if any, by clear and convincing evidence, as required by law.

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Defendant alternatively pleads that Plaintiff has failed to mitigate his alleged damages in whole or in part, and further asserts that Defendant is entitled to an offset of the extent of any mitigation by Plaintiff.

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Plaintiff's Petition sets forth claims that are frivolous, unreasonable, or without foundation, thus entitling Defendant to recover its attorneys' fees associated with defending against such claims. Defendant is entitled to recovery of its attorneys' fees (including any expert fees) per Texas Civil practice and Remedies Code Section 10.002.

Defendant reserves the right to plead additional defenses as appropriate.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant SIERRA NEVADA CORPORATION prays that Plaintiff take nothing herein and that Defendant receives judgment for its costs and for such further relief, at law or in equity, to which it may be justly entitled.

Dated: February 14, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT 6

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CAUSE NO. CC-19-00021-D

FIERO WATT,	§	IN THE COUNTY COURT
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	AT LAW NO. 4
	§	
v.	§	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
SIERRA NEVADA CORP.,	§	
	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	

**DEFENDANT SIERRA NEVADA CORPORATION'S AMENDED ANSWER
AND AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES**

Defendant Sierra Nevada Corporation ("Defendant") files this Amended Answer and Affirmative and Other Defenses to Plaintiff's Original Petition:

**I.
GENERAL DENIAL**

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 92, Defendant denies generally every allegation contained in Plaintiff's Original Petition and demands strict proof of same as required by Texas law. Defendant respectfully requests that it be allowed to plead further and additional defenses in this cause as the facts surrounding this matter are developed.

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Defendant specifically denies that venue is proper or convenient in this Court.

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DEFENDANT SIERRA NEVADA CORPORATION'S AMENDED ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES– Page 4

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**PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C § 1746, I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY
UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT THE
FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Executed on February 20, 2019


JESSICA SCHOENDIENST

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ATTORNEY

Anticipated Method

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DEFENDANT SIERRA NEVADA CORPORATION S AMENDED
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**DEFENDANT SIERRA NEVADA CORPORATION S AMENDED
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Judicial Officer

ROSALES, PAULA

Hearing Time

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Financial

WATT, FIERO

Total Financial Assessment	\$331.00
Total Payments and Credits	\$331.00

1/2/2019	Transaction Assessment	\$331.00
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